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**My dear Mr. McCone:**

As a part of our Strategy Study for the 1962-1963 academic year, we will be examining the military, economic, political, social and geopolitical characteristics of the USSR and the Communist Bloc. I am pleased to extend to you a most cordial invitation to send a representative from your agency to participate in this program on Thursday, October 25, 1962.

I have scheduled a lecture by him at 11:00 a.m. on the subject "Soviet Science and Technology," in which I would like him to discuss the Soviet scientific achievements, giving an appraisal of scientific research and engineering development in the Soviet Union, and including a consideration of the effort and support the Soviet Union gives to various scientific fields. In the afternoon, commencing at 2:00 p.m., I would like him to meet with a panel consisting of one student from each of the seminar groups, and, using the morning lecture as a point of departure, discuss the subject in greater detail.

Dr. Herbert Scoville, Jr., gave an excellent lecture on the same subject to the Naval War College during the last academic year, and is suggested as a representative if his duties will permit.

The audience will consist of the staff and students of the Naval Warfare Department, including members of all the armed services plus a few civilian from various governmental agencies. All are U.S. nationals cleared to receive security information up to and including TOP SECRET.

If this invitation can be accepted, direct liaison with your representative is requested in order that the necessary arrangements can be completed.

Sincerely yours,

**B. L. AUSTIN**  
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy  
President, Naval War College

**The Honorable John A. McCone**  
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